

12. An apparatus according to Claim 3, characterized in that the display of the apparatus comprises a field of indicator lights or a display screen of a computer, from which the change in position of the ball, derived from the results of the recording devices, can be seen on a fairway shown on the display.

13. An apparatus according to Claim 1, characterized in that the buffer component is adjustable.

14. An apparatus according to Claim 1, characterized in that the apparatus also includes a flap-like buffer for stopping the backwards and forwards swing of the ball and the suspension device.

15. An apparatus according to Claim 1, characterized in that the device for measuring the direction of flight of the ball is based on the joystick principle.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A golf practice apparatus [(1), which comprises] comprising: a frame [(2)], a ball [(5)] attached to the frame by means of a suspension device [(4)], a buffer component [(7)] attached to the suspension device for stopping the ball in flight, and devices [(3, 8)] for recording the direction and length of flight of the ball, characterized in that the buffer component [(7)] is located at a level that approximately corresponds [more or less] to the horizontal position of the suspension device [(4)] and that the recording devices [(3, 8)] for the direction and/or length of flight of the ball are [located in a place that is] disposed essentially between the buffer component [(7)] and the attachment point of the suspension device.
2. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1, characterized in that the devices [(3, 8)] for recording the direction and/or length of flight of the ball are of a type that records the position of the ball [(5)] and/or suspension device [(4)] in a situation in which the ball [(5)] strikes the buffer component [(7)] or its vicinity.
3. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1, [characterized in that the device also includes] including a display [(9)] for showing the position of the ball [and possibly other information].
4. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1, characterized in that the devices [(3, 8)] for recording the direction and/or length of the ball's flight are a type of control switch [or similar] that determines the lateral position of the suspension device [(4)] of the ball [and possibly shows its position on the display (9)].
5. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1, characterized in that the devices [(3, 8)] for recording the direction and/or length of flight of the ball are a type of mechanical switch.
6. (Amended) An apparatus according to [one of the above Claims] Claim 1, characterized in that the devices for recording the direction and/or length of flight are based on using light[, such as infrared light, for example, in the manner used to move the cursor of a computer mouse].

7. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1, characterized in that the devices for recording the [length of stroke] direction and/or length of flight of the ball are located at the point of attachment of the ball's suspension device [(4)].

8. (Amended) An apparatus according to [one of the above Claims] Claim 1, characterized in that the device for measuring the length [of stroke] of the flight of the ball and also the device [(3)] for measuring [its] the direction of [stroke] of the flight of the ball are connected to the movements of the ball's suspension device [(4)].

9. (Amended) An apparatus according to [one of the above Claims,] Claim 1 characterized in that it includes impulse sensors for recording the movements and/or position of the suspension device [(4)].

10. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1, characterized in that the buffer device [(7)] is located [more or less] approximately on the level of the attachment point of the suspension device and is essentially horizontal with a stopping surface on its underside, and that the device [(8)] for recording the direction of [stroke] flight of the ball is essentially slightly lower than [the] said level, between the attachment point of the suspension device [(4)] and the buffer component [device (7)].

11. (Amended) An apparatus according to [one of the above Claims] Claim 1, characterized in that the device [(8)] for recording the direction of [stroke] flight of the ball comprises sensor devices arranged transversely to the direction of flight of the ball.

12. (Amended) An apparatus according to [one of the above Claims] Claim 3, characterized in that the display [(9)] of the apparatus comprises a field of indicator lights or [the] a display screen [(9)] of a computer, from which the change in position of the ball, derived from the results of the [measurement] recording devices, can be seen on a fairway shown on the display [(9)].

13. (Amended) An apparatus according to [one of the above Claims] Claim 1, characterized in that the buffer component [(7) can be adjusted] is adjustable.

14. (Amended) An apparatus according to [one of the above Claims] Claim 1, characterized in that the apparatus also includes a flap-like buffer [(10)] for stopping the backwards and forwards swing of the ball [(5)] and the suspension device [(4)].

15. (Amended) An apparatus according to [one of the above Claims] Claim 1, characterized in that the [apparatus] device for measuring the direction of [stroke] flight of the ball is based on the joystick principle.